

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 and 21-44 are pending in the present application, with claims 1, 21, 36, and 51 being the independent claims. Claims 2, 4, 21-24 and 33 and the specification have been amended. Claims 36-44 are newly added. No new matter has been added.

In the notice of allowance dated September 15, 2009, claims 1-12 and 21-35 appear to be allowed. These claims are listed in Examiner's Amendment section of the notice of allowance. However, in the notice of allowability summary page (PTOL-37), the allowed claims are listed as renumbered 1-8. Applicants respectfully request correction of the notice of allowability summary page in the next issued notice of allowance.

Claim Amendments

Claims 2, 4, 21-24 and 33 have been amended have been amended to address minor errors. Applicants submit that the subject matter of these claims has not been changed, and therefore these claims remain allowable.

Specification Amendments

Paragraphs [0048M] and [0048S] have been amended have been amended to address typographical errors. No new matter is added.

Newly Added Claims

Applicants have added claims 36-44 to the present application. These claims are directed to similar subject matter as allowed claims 1-12 and 21-35 and are in different statutory classes. Accordingly, applicants submit that these claims are allowable.

Patent Term Adjustment

Applicants note that the notice of allowance indicates a patent term adjustment of 681 days. However, it appears that the PTO has not subtracted 70 days of patent term adjustment for the time period between the response filed on June 8, 2009 and the IDS submission dated August 17, 2009. Therefore, applicants request that the PTO reevaluate the patent term adjustment in the next issued notice of allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully submit that this application, including claims 1-12 and 21-44, is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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